

Building Department Keeps Rocklin Moving Ahead

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What's Code Enforcement? Why can't I store my boat on the front lawn? What does inspection and new construction permitting have to do with me? I am not building anything. You mean I have to have a permit to install a water heater?

Ever feel life is confusing and there are just too many rules to keep up? I can certainly understand. I have been with the City for more than 25 years doing everything from building inspections to plan checking to heading up the Building and Code Enforcement Department with 11 employees. I know how difficult it can be just to navigate through the system – any system.

Within the Building Department at the City of Rocklin, we feel it is our role to work with residents and commercial builders to make that process easier. Whether it is a new office complex or a remodeling project in a resident's home, we take pride in helping others get their project done the right way – safely and efficiently without unnecessary delays.

Additionally, when it comes to understanding Municipal Codes, my staff and I take a customer service approach in keeping residents and business owners informed to facilitate their cooperation before issues get too big to manage. This includes everything from boat and RV storage to temporary signage to a backyard fence not meeting code requirements.

From my perspective, we are doing it together. It's a partnership on any project that is undertaken in Rocklin. Our goal is to maintain a City that is vibrant, alive and continues to be a wonderful place to live.

With a full crew of inspectors, plan reviewers, engineers and support staff, we work with you to ensure that safety codes, local zoning requirements and neighborhood planning takes place the way the City Council and the Planning Commission have approved them. Our staff works diligently to make the process as pleasant as possible and we have earned a reputation for being helpful in the face of details and requirements that can often seem like a maze of dos and don'ts.

We unravel the codes and help people get there with a problem solving approach. Not because the rules say so but because there is a tested and proven rationale for it. We take the time to explain that rationale.

In the end the results speak for themselves. The City of Rocklin experiences an exceptional quality of life. Clearly code enforcement and building inspections are playing a key role in protecting that lifestyle for the long term.

For example, the City has maintained an ISO rating of 3 for building code enforcement which is an exceptionally good rating. This rating system recognizes the steps taken to

protect building safety and code enforcement regulations and can translate into reduced insurance rates for residents and business owners.

The Building Department staff and I are committed to completing projects successfully with a cooperative, proactive approach. This means well planned neighborhoods and office buildings as well as residential projects from a room addition to a patio cover to a new swimming pool safely and carefully completed to the benefit of our community.

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